**Text Dependent Analysis Prompts**

**Excerpt from “The Great Fire” by Jim Murphy**

1. The story used figurative language to describe the fire of 1871. Write an essay to analyze the role figurative language played in describing the fire using evidence from the story to support your response.
2. The author states “Chicago in 1871 was a city ready to burn”. Write an essay analyzing why all economic areas faced great devastation from the fire. Use evidence from the passage to support your response.
3. The author states “Chicago in 1871 was a city ready to burn”. Write an essay analyzing the strength of the author’s argument. Use evidence from the passage to support your response.
4. The author describes the Chicago Fire of 1871 as “The Great Fire”. Write an essay analyzing the three greatest contributing factors of the fire. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your analysis.
5. The states “Chicago in 1871 was a city ready to burn”. Write an essay analyzing which of the author’s reasons had the greatest impact on creating “The Great Fire”. Use evidence from the text to support your analysis.
6. In the excerpt from “The Great Fire”, the author included the history of Chicago beginning at paragraph 10. Write an essay analyzing why the author included this section. Use evidence from the text to support your analysis.
7. In the excerpt from “The Great Fire”, the author begins with a story, then switches to a fact-based history of Chicago. Write an essay analyzing why the author used this technique. Use evidence from the text to support your analysis.